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HIGHLAND PARK TOUR GARNERS ATTENTION, STATE HELP FOR CITY

(LANSING) – State Sen. Martha G. Scott breathed a little easier this week after a whirlwind tour of the city she calls home. Sen. Scott hosted Don Jakeway, President/CEO, Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) and several business and community leaders on an economic development tour of Highland Park.

Starting at Highland Park-based Budco, a private fulfillment company that employs 1,000 people, the tour included developed and potentially viable sites around the city. Highland Park has been under state-controlled receivership since July 2001. Since then the operating deficit has been reduced to under \$1 million from \$3.5 million per year.

“There is so much that can be done in Highland Park,” Sen. Scott said. “I don’t want the city to miss out on Michigan’s economic turnaround.”

Highland Park is no stranger to rebounding. This year, the city reported some of the highest property value growth rates in Wayne County.

Buoyed by Highland Park’s resolve, state officials loaned MEDC staffer and former State Representative Fred Durhal, Sr., to oversee the city’s development projects. He will be responsible for identifying and facilitating economic development projects for Highland Park.

To the city of 16,000, state help is welcome. To the Senator from Highland Park, state help is a godsend.

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Senator Scott represents the 2nd Senate District, which includes areas of Detroit and the cities of Hamtramck, Harper Woods, Highland Park and all of the Grosse Pointes. She serves on the Senate Appropriations Committee.